recommendation of the Board of Directors that he should be sacked?

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Yes, yes, it is there. The question arises on the basis of the press report.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: No, Sir, there was no such recommendation. They have not said anything whether he has committed any misconduct or violation of the rules or the law of the Institution.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Sir, coming to the general question of management of these management institutes I would like to ask whether it is a fact that a lot of disparaging remarks are being published in the press regarding the management of these Management Institutes, whether it is in Ahmedabad, Hyderabad or Bangalore, or even I have heard about Calcutta. There is a highly professional faculty in these IIMs, but it is reported that the whole faculty is demoralised. The financial position is not viable, it is going into losses and the students are also not benefited. This Institute was started long ago. Will the Government form a Committee to find out what is worng with these Institutes and see how they could be revamped?

Secondly, about the graduates who are being produced by these Management Institutes, there has been a feeling among the Indian industry that they have no commitment. They want to go to prosperious industries only and do not want to be contributive. The whole back-up of the educational system is USA-based and not based on the requirements of our country. Will the Government come up with a curriculum which will help them to be contributive to our industries and not to have a way of life which seems to be alien to the industrial climate of India?

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Sir, the hon. Member has made some vital observations. About the new curriculum, the Education Review Committee is looking into all these aspects.

About the Committee to go into all these committees, whether they are functioning or not, that also will be looked into. (*Interruptions*). But the lady Member is objecting to all the committees. (*Interruptions*). Do you want only one answer?

SHRI SAT PAUL MITTAL: You appoint another committee to go into the functioning of these committees.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: If there is any written complaint, we will look into it. Till then the question of appointing a commitee does not arise. The hon. Member has said that their outlook in USA-based, that there is no commitment, they have to reorient the students and all that, all these questions are of vital canvas and they do not arise out of this question.

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : सभापति महोदय, मैं मंत्री महोदय से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि इंस्टीट्यूट आफ मैनेजमेंट, अहमदाबाद के बोर्ड आफ डायरेक्टर्ज का गठन कब हुआ था और उसका कार्यकाल कब समाप्त हो रहा है? दूसरा प्रश्न यह जानना चाहता हूं कि (**व्यवधान**) चलिये, आप एक ही प्रश्न का उत्तर दे दीजिये।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Power generation by the Narora Atomic Power Plant in Uttar Pradesh

*4. CHOWDHURY HARI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the power generating life of the Atomic Power Plant at Narora in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) since when the above Plant has been generating power; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a new Atomic Plant there to generate additional power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) The economic life of Narora Atomic Power Station is taken as 25 years.

(b) The first 235 MWe unit of Narora Atomic Power Station was synchronised to the Northern Grid in July, 1989 and since then the plant has been supplying infirm power to the gird. The power output has been increased steadily. It is now operating at 150 MWe. Unit-II of NAPS has so far not commenced generating electricity.

(c) No, Sir.

Failure of Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools Project

*5. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools' Project started in 1984 has been stagnating since 1987 and is likely to be discontinued, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the two Committees set up in 1987 to evaluate the hardware and software requirements of the programme have submitted their reports;

(c) if so, what are the main features thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay in submitting these reports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (d) A Pilot Project for Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) was started in 1984-85 in 248 schools. The Project has been extended on a year to year basis till 1989-90 covering 2350 additional schools. During the current year a budget provision of Rs. 6.00 crores has been made for the Project. It is not true that the Project is likely to be discontinued. An expanded programme for covering 13,000 Senior Secondary Schools with an outlay of Rs. 198.5 crores was proposed in 1988 but it has not been possible to implement it due to paucity of funds.

A Working Group was constituted on 17.10.1986 under the Chairmanship of Education Secretary to specify programme objectives for Computer Education in Schools and devise Systems specifications from the users point of view keeping in mind the experience obtained in the implementaton of CLASS Project. The Working Group submitted its report in February, 1988. Some of the important recommendations of the Group were as below:

(i) The objectives as originally specified should be retained.

(ii) The programme for the present should be at plus 2 stage and should cover all the higher secondary schools by 1990.

(iii) The hardware choice should be re-assessed periodically to ensure supply of the most suitable systems to the schools.

(iv) The number of micro-computers in a school should be enough to cover all the students at plus 2 stage, which would mean supply of 5 to 8 micro-computers per school depending on enrolment.

(v) Use of Indian languages which are the medium of instruction in schools must be maximised both in hardware operation and as medium of software.